



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING JUNE 28, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Received moisture was mostly confined to eastern districts last week, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Statewide, winter wheat harvested was 15 percent complete, compared to 1 percent last year and 5 percent on average. In northeastern counties, dry and hot conditions remained a concern for non-irrigated crop producers and livestock producers. Pasture conditions continued to deteriorate without significant moisture. Isolated rain and severe weather was noted last week in areas. A few reports of hail damage to corn were received. Winter wheat was notably maturing quickly and harvest began in limited fashion. Concerns for lower yields in areas were noted. Portions of east central counties received much needed precipitation with locally heavy rainfall, with over 1 inch reported in areas late last week. However, severe and extreme drought conditions persisted. Lightning-induced fires were also reported. Winter wheat harvest began in the district where conditions allowed. County reports noted yields thus far were varied and depended upon moisture received during the season and conditions in areas most heavily affected by drought. A county report noted very hot temperatures restricted crop development in areas. Southwestern counties remained dry and detrimental drought conditions persisted. According to the CoAgMET station network, localities in southwestern counties have experienced up to 88 days since receiving 0.25 inches of rain, as of June 28. In the San Luis Valley, conditions remained very dry and warmer than normal. County reports noted the first cutting of alfalfa progressed quickly last week and quality was very good. Insect presence was noted but thus far no crop damage occurred. Barley and potatoes were notably doing well. Summer pasture and range were in mostly fair condition and so far supporting livestock moved to summer grazing. More moisture is needed to maintain stock throughout the entire summer. In southeastern counties, winter wheat harvest picked up last week. Although isolated moisture was received, the district remained in extreme drought. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 16 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 65 percent average and 35 percent light. Cattle death loss was 81 percent average and 19 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested	89	75	80	85
2 nd cutting harvested	6	2	NA	NA
Barley				
Headed	62	23	36	57
Turning color	1	--	NA	NA
Dry edible beans				
Planted	98	93	73	NA
Emerged	75	51	44	68
Sorghum				
Planted	96	87	93	96
Emerged	77	55	69	80
Sunflowers				
Planted	94	86	82	86
Winter wheat				
Turning color	92	63	63	85
Mature	43	17	15	36
Harvested	15	7	1	5
NA – not available				
(--) – zero				

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.6	6.3	6.4	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	28	25	3	5
Short.....	41	49	9	16
Adequate	31	26	81	74
Surplus.....	--	--	7	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	27	24	4	5
Short.....	43	46	12	16
Adequate	30	30	79	76
Surplus.....	--	--	5	3
NA – not available				
(--) – zero				

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	5	10	3	3
Poor.....	9	12	5	7
Fair.....	27	28	7	23
Good	52	44	72	55
Excellent	7	6	13	12
Barley				
Very poor	--	1	1	--
Poor.....	5	9	3	1
Fair.....	24	31	18	22
Good	51	46	58	52
Excellent	20	13	20	25
Corn				
Very poor	4	4	--	1
Poor.....	14	15	3	4
Fair.....	39	47	19	18
Good	40	28	69	64
Excellent	3	6	9	13
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	9	1	NA	NA
Poor.....	14	18	NA	NA
Fair.....	32	49	NA	NA
Good	37	28	NA	NA
Excellent	8	4	NA	NA
Onions				
Very poor	2	2	--	1
Poor.....	4	3	--	2
Fair.....	27	26	3	17
Good	63	65	94	70
Excellent	4	4	3	10
Pasture and range				
Very poor	21	32	1	5
Poor.....	18	16	3	11
Fair.....	33	26	16	22
Good	28	26	63	51
Excellent	--	--	17	11
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	3	5	3	3
Fair.....	18	27	23	22
Good	55	49	56	53
Excellent	24	19	18	22
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	2	2	--	--
Poor.....	3	3	2	2
Fair.....	21	21	19	10
Good	63	62	70	71
Excellent	11	12	9	17
Sorghum				
Very poor	3	1	5	2
Poor.....	5	5	5	3
Fair.....	53	62	23	23
Good	36	28	59	68
Excellent	3	4	8	4
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	3	3	--	--
Poor.....	9	11	--	2
Fair.....	25	28	26	19
Good	49	48	62	64
Excellent	14	10	12	15
Sunflowers				
Very poor	3	NA	--	NA
Poor.....	12	NA	--	NA
Fair.....	41	NA	13	NA
Good	43	NA	83	NA
Excellent	1	NA	4	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor	18	14	1	3
Poor.....	21	23	4	12
Fair.....	31	34	17	28
Good	27	27	52	43
Excellent	3	2	26	14
Livestock				
Very poor	--	1	--	--
Poor.....	5	6	3	2
Fair.....	19	25	15	14
Good	69	60	69	72
Excellent	7	8	13	12

NA – not available
 (--) – zero